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SUB: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS WINNERS:

1. LISTED BELOW BY MILITARY REGION AND CONSTITUENCY ARE THE 159 WINNERS ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 29 LOWER HOUSE ELECTION. POLITICAL AFFILIATION IS LISTED AFTER THE NAME, WHERE KNOWN. OPPOSITION IS ABBREVIATED TO "OPP." FURTHER BIO INFORMATION WILL BE POUCHED TO EA/VN SHORTLY.

2. SAIGON. FIRST CONSTITUENCY: LY QUY CHUNG (MRS), HO NGOC CU (PNM), NGUYEN HUU CHUNG (MRS), NGUYEN TRONG NHO (OPP), TRAN VAN TUYEN (SOUTHERN VNQDD): SECOND CONSTITUENCY: TRUONG VI TRI (PNM), HUYNH NGOC ANH (WFP), DIP A SANG (PROBABLY PRO-GOV), DIEP VAN HUNG (PRO-GOV). THIRD CONSTIUENCY: HO VAN MINH (OPP), VO VAN PHAT (WFP), HO NGOC NHUAN (OPP), PHAN CONG PHU (PNM).

3. MR I. HUE: TRUONG NGOC THU (AN QUANG): DA NANG: PHAN XUAN HUY, NGUYEN VAN PHUOC, DOAN MAI (ALL AN QUANG): QUANG NAM: LE DINH DUYEN (AN QUANG), NGUYEN DUC CUNG (RDV), PHAN THIEP (UNIFIED VNQDD), LY TRUONG CHAN (AN QUANG): QUANG NGAI: TRAN VAN DON (INDEPENDENT), HO NGOC CAN (NHAN XA), TA THANH HOI (AN QUANG), NGUYEN VAN HAM (AN QUANG), MAI NGOC DUOC (AN QUANG), DINH VAN ROI (PRO-GOV): QUANG TINH: TRAN CONG DINH (VNQDD, VU HONG KHANH FACTION), NGUYEN MAU (UNIFIED VNQDD), VO HUU THU (AN QUANG): QUANG TRI: TON THAT HOAN (AN QUANG), TU DO MINH (AN

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4. MR II. CAM RANH: LY HIEN TAI (AN QUANG); QUI NHON: TRAN LOC (NHAN XA); NHA TRANG: NGUYEN VAN CU (INDEPENDENT), TRAN VAN SON (AN QUANG); DALAT CITY: DINH VAN DE (AN QUANG); BINH DINH: NGUYEN HUU THOI (UNIFIED VNQDD), LE VAN DIEN (PRO-GOVT), NGUYEN NGOC LIEN (WFP), HUYNH VAN TRU (NHAN XA), NGUYEN VAN PHUNG (AN QUANG); BINH THUAN: DINH XUAN DUNG (PRO-GOV), NGUYEN QUOC BIEN (NHAN XA), DANG QUANG LUONG (PRO-GOV), LY SUU COON (PRO GOV); DARLAC: TRUONG NHU THIEM (PRO-GOVT), NGUYEN PHUOC QUANG (AN QUANG), Y DHE ADRONG (UNKNOWN); KHANH HOA: NGUYEN TO (INDEPENDENT), TRAN VAN THUNG (AN QUANG); KONTUM: NGUYEN VAN THONG (PRO-GOV), NGUYEN VAN PHIEN (PRO-GOV); LAM DONG: TO DUC HANH (PRO-GOV); NINH THUAN: NGO VAN LUON (PRO-GOV), TRUONG VAN XUAN BAO (AN QUANG), LUU QUANG SAN (PRO-GOV); PHU BON: DINH XUAN MINH (RDV), RCOM ANHOT (PRO-GOV); PHU YEN: NGUYEN CONG HOAN (AN QUANG), TRUONG VAN NGUYEN (RDV); PLEIKU: HO UYEN (PNM), NGO XUAN THU (PRO-GOV), NAY LO (PRO-GOV); QUANG DUC: VUONG SON THON (PRO-GOV); TUYEN DUC: NGUYEN VAN THUAN (PRO-GOV), TOUNCH TONG (WFP), DEO VAN TSE (INDEPENDENT).

5. MR III. VUNG TAU CITY: TRAN CAO DE (INDEPENDENT); BIEN HOA: NGO TRONG HIEU (PRO-GVN), TRAN MINH NHUT (PNM), PHAM ANH (WFP), NGUYEN THI LY (PRO-GOV); BINH DUONG: TRUONG VAN PHUC (UNKNOWN), NGUYEN VAN HAO (PRO-GOV); BINH LONG: PHAM KE TOAI (PRO-GOVT); BINH TUY: DAO HUU GIAO (UNKNOWN); GIA DINH FIRST CONSITUENCY: NHU VAN UY (OPP), NGUYEN NGOC BAY (PRO-GOV), DANG VAN TIEP (PRO-GOV), TRAN DINH NGOC (PRO-GOV), NGUYEN MINH DANG (GSF), DUONG MINH KINH (PRO-KY); GIA DINH SECOND CONSTITUENCY: NGUYEN VAN BINH (INDEPENDENT), DO SINH TU (PRO-GOV), PHAM DUY TUE (PRO-GOV), NGUYEN TUAN ANH (PRO-GOVT), TRAN VAN AN (PRO-GOVT), HAU NGHIA: PHAN VAN LON (PNM), NGUYEN VAN QUY (PNM); LONG AN: NGUYEN THI HAI (REPUBLICAN MASSES AND WFP),

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NGUYEN VAN TIET (PNM), TRAN CANH TRUNG (UNKNOWN); LONG KHANH; VU CONG (WFP); PHUOC LONG; NGUYEN BA LUONG (PRO-GOV); PHUC TUY; VU VAN QUY (INDEPENDENT); TAY NINH; HO DUC TRUNG (INDEPENDENT), TRAN DUC TRONG (PNM), PHAM VAN RONG (UNKNOWN).

6. MR IV. MY THO CITY; LE TAN TRANG (PNM); CAN THO CITY; LE VAN HIEN (HOA HAO, HINH FACTION); RACH GIA CITY; HUYNH TRUNG CHANH (PNM); AN GIANG; MA XAI (OPP), DUONG MINH QUANG (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), LE QUANG LIEM (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), NGUYEN HUU HIEU (WFP), TRAN THI HOA (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION); AN XUYEN; LE CHI HIEU (RDV), NGUYEN VAN BAY (PNM); BA XUYEN; PHAM VAN UT (PNM), HOANG THONG (PRO-GOVT), HO VAN XUAN (PRO-GOV), SON THI (WFP); BAC LIEU; LAN HOANG HON (PRO-GOV), NGUYEN VAN CHI (PRO-GOV), SON SU (PRO-GOV); CHAU DOC; LE VAN TINH (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), NGUYEN VAN CA (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), VU CONG MINH (OPP), HUYNH VAN LAU (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), NGUYEN TAN PHUOC (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), CHAU NGET (OPP); CHUONG THIEN; TRUONG THI BICH DIEP (PRO-GOV), TRAN THANG THU (PRO-GOV), DANH NO (PRO-GOV); DINH TUONG; NGUYEN BA CAN (WFP), PHAM VAN TRONG (PRO-GOV), DAO BA NGOC (PRO-GOV); GO CONG; PHAN THAN NGOC (PRO-GOV); KIEN GIANG; NHAN MINH TRANG (PNM), NGUYEN TAN DOI (PRO-GOV), DAN BAO (PRO-GOV); KIEN HOA; NGUYEN VAN DIEU (WFP), NGUYEN TAT THINH (UNKNOWN), HUYNH NGOC DIEU (OPP), VO LONG TRIEU (MRS), MA THAT (PRO-GOV); KIEN PHONG; NGUYEN MINH PHU (UNKNOWN), DUONG THANH TON (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION), BUI VAN MY (HOA HAO, TUONG FACTION); KIEN TUONG; VO THANH SON (INDEPENDENT); PHONG DINH; DUONG VY LONG (PRO-GOV), PHAM TAN HUNG (HOA HAO, HINH FACTION), HO KIM LONG (WFP); SA DEC; NGUYEN KIM PHUNG (WFP), NGUYEN VAN NGAN (PNM); VINH BINH; TON THAT DONG (PRO-GOV), PHAM HUU GIA (WFP), DO THONG (PRO-GOV), THACH LANG SA (PRO-GOV); VINH LONG; NGUYEN LONG GIAO (PNM), HUYNH VAN CO (PNM), NGUYEN VAN DANG (UNKNOWN), NGUYEN NGOC TAN (PHAM THAI) (PNM).

7. ABOVE LIST IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY RESULTS ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. LOCAL ELECTION COUNCILS MUST ANNOUNCE OFFICIAL RESULTS IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES BY SEPTEMBER 3, AND THESE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE SUBJECT TO VALIDATION BY THE NEW LOWER HOUSE.

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1. It was two mornings after the Lower House election, and all the results were in. A party aide went through a four-page mimeographed list marked "Secret--Cong Nong Party Candidates." He carefully underlined in red 16 of the 72 names, and circled one other. "Sixteen Cong Nong winners," he explained, "and one Cong Nong sympathizer who won."

2. Tran Quoc Buu, head of the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor (CVT) and of the Cong Nong (Worker-Farmer) Party, came in looking glum. "A semi-defeat," he said. Why? Because only 17 of the party's candidates won. And among these not one--not a single one--was a member of the CVT.

3. Just before the election Buu and some of his friends had set 15 as the absolute minimum number of winners the Party needed to maintain credibility as a political force. Reminded that he had surpassed this minimum, Buu said, "Yes, slightly, just slightly."

4. He had wanted the Party to win six or seven more seats. And well it might have, he said. He then ticked off some post-election "if-onlies." If only the Party had had more campaign funds. If only certain province chiefs had not clamped down so hard on everyone except their own pets. If only the Party had chosen a few stronger candidates (e.g., in populous Giadinh province, where none of its five people won).

5. The Party had endorsed 13 incumbent deputies, and four of these were re-elected. Buu was particularly pleased that all three deputies belonging to the Party's central council are back for another four-year House term: two from Saigon, Huynh Ngoc Anh and Vo Van Phat,

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